

## Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



May 2018

### **May 1 – Pope Prays Rosary to Begin Marian Month of May –Translated extract (May 1, 2018, Zenit.org).**

“Dear brothers and sisters, day after tomorrow, May 1, in the afternoon, I will initiate the Marian Month with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love”

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-prays-rosary-to-begin-marian-month-of-may/>

### **May 2 – Pope Francis Encourages Initiative for Syria through Caritas Poland (Audience) – Translated conclusion (May 2, 2018, Zenit.org).**

... entrust to Mary, Queen of Poland, the life of the Church, your fatherland and your families.

### **May 4 –Swiss Guard: Pope Welcomes New Recruits (Audience) –Translated conclusion (May 4, 2018, Zenit.org).**

May the Virgin Mary, whom we honor in a special way in the month of May, and your patron Saints, assist and protect you.

### **May 4 – Pope Francis: Consecrated Need Authentic Guide (Audience) –Translated conclusion (May 4, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Now let us pray to Our Lady: “Hail Mary...”

### **May 6 – Angelus/Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 6, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary help us to remain in Jesus’ love and to grow in our love towards all, especially the weakest, so as to correspond fully to our Christian vocation.

### **May 9 – General Audience: On Baptism (Part V): Regeneration (Greetings) –Translated extract (May 9, 2018, Zenit.org).**

We are in the month of May, time dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Cultivate devotion to Our Lady, with the daily recitation of the Rosary, so that, like the Mother of God, by welcoming the mysteries of Christ in your life, you are able to be ever more a gift of love for all.

**May 10 – Pope’s Message for 101st German Catholic Convention in Munster –Translated conclusion (May 10, 2018, Zenit.org).**

We also look to Mary, who as Mother of the Church has prayed together with the apostles for the coming of the Holy Spirit. May Mary accompany and support our search for peace. Let us entrust ourselves to her intercession and her help!

**May 11 – Pope Francis Visits Two Christian Communities (Pastoral visit: Nomadelfia and Loppiano) –Translated extract (May 11, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Mary takes the Word and goes forward, because she is a woman of faith, a woman of creativity, a woman of courage, of parrhesia, a woman of patience and of enduring things...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-francis-visits-two-christian-communities/>

**May 11 – Pope to Orthodox Metropolitan: ‘Let’s Never Be Discouraged in Journey toward Unity’ (Visit to Pope) –Translated extract (May 11, 2018, Zenit.org).**

Invoking upon all the blessing of the Lord and the protection of the Mother of God...

**May 13 – Angelus/Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 13, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary who, as Mother of the dead and Risen Lord, enlivened the faith of the first community of disciples, help us too to “lift up our hearts”, as the Liturgy exhorts us to do. And at the same time may she help us to keep our “feet on the ground”, and to bravely sow the Gospel in the practical situations of life and of history.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_regina-coeli\\_20180513.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco_regina-coeli_20180513.html)

**May 14 – Pope Francis’ Q & A at Roman Parish of the Blessed Sacrament (Pastoral Visit) –Translated conclusion (May 14, 2018, Zenit.org).**

We pray to Our Lady. She is Our Lady of Forgiveness. All of us are in need of being forgiven for something. May she help us!

**May 16 – General Audience (Greetings) –Translated extract (May 16, 2018, Vatican.va).**

Let us invoke Mary, Queen of Peace. “Hail Mary...”.

**May 18 – Pope Francis Sends Letter at End of Three Days of Reflection with Chile’s Bishops –Translated conclusion (May 18, 2018, Zenit.org).**

May Jesus bless you and the Virgin Mary watch over you.

**May 18 – Pope Sends Condolences on Death of Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos – Translated conclusion (May 18, 2018, Zenit.org).**

...I raise fervent intercessory prayers to the Lord so that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, He will receive him in eternal joy and peace, ...

**May 20 – Angelus/Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 20, 2018, Vatican.va).**

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to obtain for the Church even today a renewed Pentecost, a renewed youthfulness that will give us the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel and “to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory”

**May 22 – General Audience –Translated extract (May 22, 2018, Zenit.org).**

I entrust to Our Lady in particular the young people, the elderly, the sick and the newlyweds that are present here today.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings and appeal):

<https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-on-confirmation-part-i/>

**May 27 – Angelus/Regina Caeli –Translated conclusion (May 27, 2018, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary help us to joyfully fulfil the mission of witnessing to the world, thirsty for love, that the meaning of life is precisely the infinite love, the tangible love of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

For more of what the pope said about Mary (including greetings):

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_angelus\\_20180527.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20180527.html)

**May 28 – Video Message of the Holy Father to Participants in the Second National Youth Meeting in Rosario, Argentina –Translated extract (May 28, 2018, Zenit.org).**

And I also invite you to look in these days to Mary, the Virgin of the Rosary, who knew how to be close to her Son, accompanying Him in His mysteries of joy and pain, light and glory.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-asks-two-minutes-a-day-reading-the-gospel/>

**May 30 – General Audience (Greetings) –Translated extract (May 30, 2018, Vatican.va).**

Tomorrow we will conclude the Marian month. May the Mother of God be your refuge in happy moments and in more difficult times, ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_20180530\\_udienza-generale.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180530_udienza-generale.html)

